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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1995 No. 2994**

**The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995**

**Part III**

**Construction and Use of Vehicles and Equipment**

*Test of certain classes of goods vehicles*

**Restriction on carrying passengers on goods vehicles**

**71.**—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no passenger shall be carried on a goods vehicle except on permanently attached seats placed beside the driver's seat.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to—

- (a) any passenger on a goods vehicle which is a dual-purpose vehicle within the meaning of Article 2(2) of the Order of 1981; or
- (b) any authorised passenger on a goods vehicle which is not a dual-purpose vehicle.

(3) A driver of a goods vehicle who allows or permits any passenger to be carried on the vehicle in contravention of paragraph (1), and any passenger so carried, is guilty of an offence.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(b) the following are authorised passengers—

- (a) the owner of the vehicle;
- (b) any person in the employment of the owner carried on the vehicle in connection with such employment and with the consent of the owner;
- (c) any person (in this paragraph referred to as “the hirer”) who hires the vehicle for his exclusive use in connection with his trade or business;
- (d) any person in the employment of the hirer carried on the vehicle in connection with such employment and with the consent of the hirer and the owner; and
- (e) any other persons (not exceeding 2) carried on the vehicle, with the consent of the owner, for the purpose of work in connection with the load.